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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ON VIETNAM

1. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN BRIEFED NATO AMBASSADORS APRIL 23 ON HIS VISIT TO PRAGUE (SEPTTEL NOTAL). HE SAID HE WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO PROVIDE SOME PARENTHETICAL INFORMATION ABOUT FORTHCOMING DANISH GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TOWARDS VIETNAM.
 2. ANDERSEN SAID HE WAS PREPARING STATEMENT ON VIETNAM WHICH HE PLANNED TO MAKE AT 10:00 A.M. IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 24, WITH DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 25.
 3. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENT WAS CONSIDERING GIVING 100 MILLION CROWNS TO NORTH VIETNAM FOR A CEMENT FACTORY. HISTORY OF THIS LARGE TRANSACTION WAS THAT FOLLOWING PARIS AGREEMENT, ALL DANISH PARTIES AGREED ON HUMANI-
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TARIAN HELP TO BOTH SIDES IN VIETNAM, OF ROUGHLY EQUAL

MAGNITUDE, WITH PARTICULAR AIM OF HELPING IN REBUILDING. AID HAS BEEN GOING SINCE THEN TO SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT NORTH VIETNAMESE SAID THEY WANTED 100 MILLION CROWNS FOR CEMENT FACTORY AND NOTHING LESS. DANES THEREFORE SAID NORTH VIETNAMESE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SOUTH VIETNAM HAD ROUGHLY SAME AMOUNT GIVEN. THAT TIME HAS NOW COME, ANDERSEN SAID. BECAUSE OF EVENTS IN VIETNAM, THE MATTER HAS BECOME POLITICAL -- SOME PARTIES WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT, OTHERS OPPOSE. QUESTION NOW BEING DECIDED OF WHAT TO DO.

4. ANDERSEN SAID THAT IF THE DEAL WENT THROUGH, "AS I HOPE," HE WANTED DENMARK'S ALLIES TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY, SO AS TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS NOT A MATTER ONLY DECIDED AT PRESENT BUT ONE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR A LONG TIME. IF ON THE OTHER HAND IT FELL THROUGH, HE WANTED DENMARK'S COMMON MARKET PARTNERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO GIVE THE MONEY WAS NOT AN ANTI-DRV GESTURE AND THAT DENMARK WAS THUS NOT OUT OF STEP WITH EEC POLICY TOWARDS VIETNAM.

5. FOREGOING WAS OF COURSE NOT DISCUSSED WITH CZECHS. ANDERSEN SAID PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL ASKED HIM IF HE WISHED TO DISCUSS VIETNAM SITUATION AND ANDERSEN TOLD HIM HE SAW NO NEED TO.

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